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## Webster Performed Well

William Webster, who plans to retire as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, earned the praise President Bush bestowed upon him.

A valuable asset to law enforcement as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Webster was named to that post by President Jimmy Carter. He held it for nine years, then moved over to the CIA and did a bang-up job as boss of the nation's spy agency. He ran a tight ship and

maintained a professional tenor in his relationship with Congress and the executive branch.

This was important to the CIA because Mr. Webster took over at a time when rumors were swirling about his predecessor, William Casey. As everyone knows, those rumors persist. There will be no such rumors about Mr. Webster. His competence and integrity, as well as his avoidance of partisan politics, are appreciated.